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1. SENIOR ADVISOR ON NARCOTICS MATTERS VANCE MET WITH SECRETARY, MININTERIOR, CHAIRMAN, PNCB, AND JOINT SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION. VANCE INDICATED OUR HOPE THAT SLOW MOVEMENT BEING MADE ON BOTH SWABI AREA AND THE FIELD INVESTIGATIVE UNITS PROJECTS COULD BE SPEEDED UP AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN THAT THE NEW NARCOTICS LAW BE ENACTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE CALL ON PRIME MINISTER BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. FIUS. ON THE FIUS, THE PAKISTANIS BELIEVE THEY HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. RAOOF ALI, CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB, LAYS DELAY IN ORGANIZING THE 25 FIUS ON INABILITY TO FIND QUALIFIED MANPOWER AT THE UNIT COMMAND CEN-TRAL EXECUTIVE LEVELS. QUALIFIED MID-LEVEL POLICE/CUSTOMS/ OR EXCIST OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO MOVE OUT OF THE MAIN-STREAM OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS INTO THE PNCB AS THEY ARE UNCERTAIN OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S PERMANANCY.

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3. THE AID AUDIT OF THE PNCB PROJECT IS ALMOST COMPLETED.

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PNCB CHAIRMAN RAOOF ALI QUESTIONED THE ONE-SIDED MAKEUP OF THE AUDIT. IT WAS AGREED THAT FOLLOWING THE AUDIT A US-PAKISTANI JOINT EVALUATION WILL BE HELD. FYI: AS A STARTING POINT, WE PLAN TO PROVIDE THE PNCB WITH A SANITIZED VERSION OF THE AUDIT. RAOOF ALI WOULD LIKE THE EVALUATION TO CONSIDER AMONG OTHER THINGS A POSSIBLE REDESIGN OF THE ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE, I.E., SIZE OF FIU SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS, ETC.

4. SWABI PROJECT: VANCE URGED MORE RAPID MOVEMENT ON THE PROJECT TO ALL OF HIS INTERLOCATORS. AT HIS SUGGESTION, THE PNCB WILL SEEK A COORDINATION ROLE IN THE SWABI PROJECT. THE PNCB WAS APPARENTLY EFFECTIVE IN HELPING PERFORM THE NECESSARY SURVEY FOR THE UNFDAC-FINANCED BUNEER INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECT. THE SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE TO NARROW THE PROJECT FROM ALL SWABI TO THE GADOON SUB-DISTRICT. THE PAKISTANIS CLAIM GADOON GROWS MUCH OF THE POPPY IN SWABI BUT IS THE COMMERCIALLY POORER AREA. THEY CONTEND THE RESULT OF A PILOT PROJECT IN GADOON WILL HAVE WIDER APPLICABILITY THAN ONE GENERALLY IN SWABI.

5. VANCE PRESSED FOR EARLY ENACTMENT OF THE NEW NARCOTIC LAW. ALL PAKISTANI OFFICIALS MET DURING THE VANCE VISIT WERE QUICK TO ASSURE US THAT IT WOULD BE DONE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY REMAINS SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE SPEED WE CAN EXPECT. NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING OFFENSES WILL BE MADE NONBAILABLE. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A MANDATORY MINIMUM FIVE-YEAR SEN-TENCE FOR SECOND OFFENDERS. A CONSPIRACY CLAUSE IS INCLUDED.

6. IRANIAN ROLE: VANCE BRIEFED THE PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ON HIS MEETINGS IN IRAN ON THE POTENTIAL AVAILABILITY OF IRANIAN FUNDING FOR NARCOTICS-RELATED PROJECTS. FYI: THIS INFORMATION DID NOT ELICIT MUCH RESPONSE.
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